

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 20-38 are pending in the present application. Claims 20-38 have been presented herewith. Claims 1-19 have been canceled.

Also by this Preliminary Amendment, the specification has been revised to identify the parent application.

Also, enclosed is one (1) sheet of red-inked Annotated Marked-up Drawing, whereby Fig. 1 has been designated as "PRIOR ART". The formal drawings filed with the application incorporate this above noted drawing correction.

Favorable consideration and early allowance of the present application are earnestly solicited.

In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, please contact Andrew J. Telesz, Jr. (Reg. No. 33,581) at (703) 715-0870 in the Washington, D.C. area, to discuss these matters.

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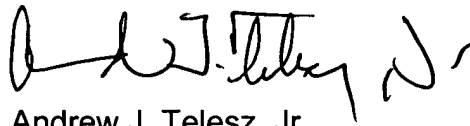
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Preliminary Amendment dated January 23, 2004

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment for any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0238.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew J. Telesz, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Enclosures: One (1) red-inked Annotated Marked-up Drawing

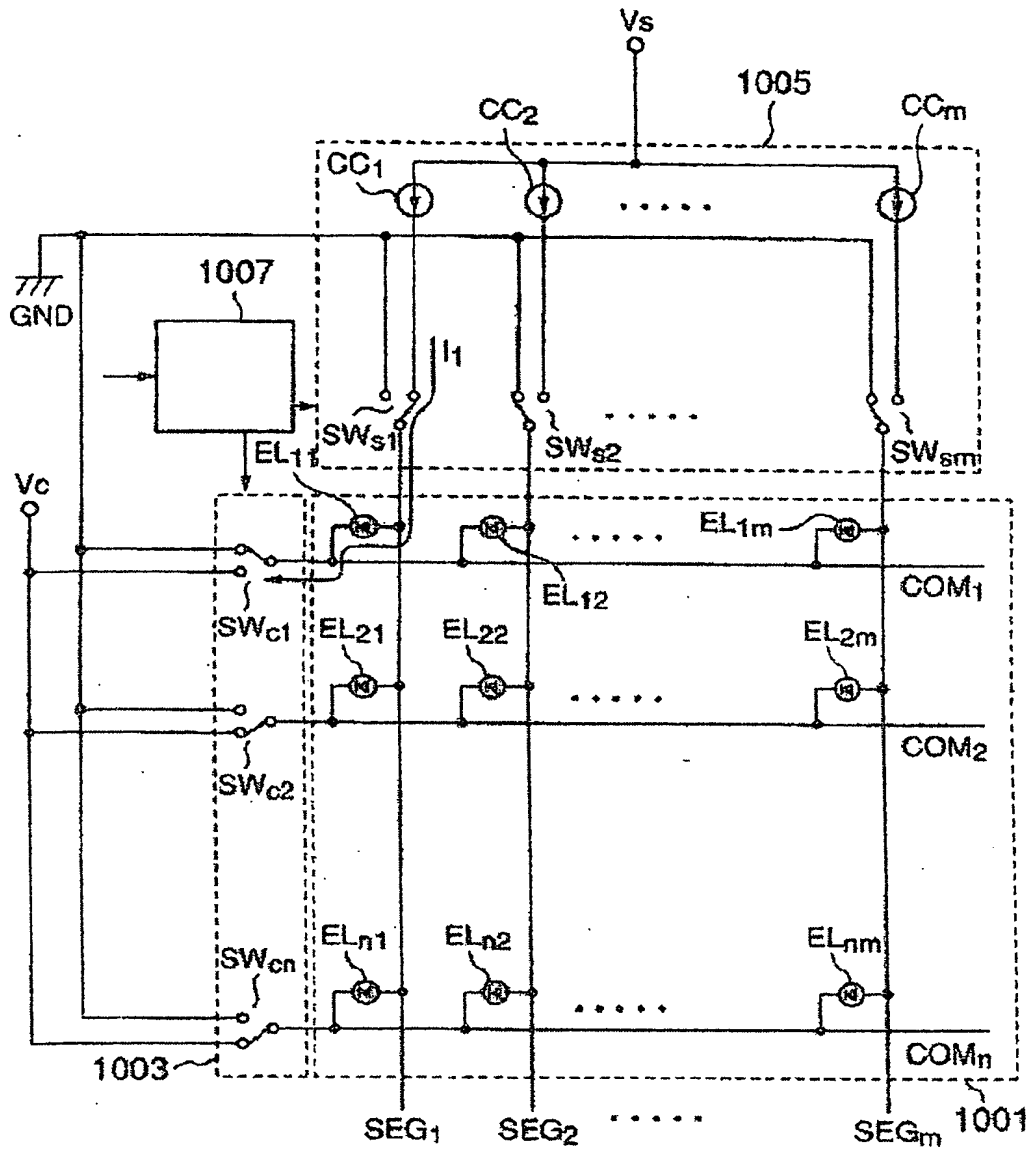


Fig. 1
PRIOR ART